

The Homegoing Celebration  
Of  
Brother Ralston Miles Lucas, Jr.



Brother Ralston M. Lucas, Jr.  
GWP 2003-2008

Sunrise: February 20, 1942

Sunset: September 19, 2014

SERVICES

**Tuesday - September 30, 2014 11:00 A.M.**  
**St. John Missionary Baptist Church**  
662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street - Richmond, California 94804

Officiant  
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

## Life Tributes

Brother Ralston M. Lucas, Jr. was born on February 20, 1942 in Pittsburgh, PA to the loving parents of Ralston M. Lucas, Sr. and Margaret Guess Lucas. He was the eldest of four children. Sonny, as he was fondly known attended the public schools of Pittsburgh, PA graduating from Schenley High School. After graduating he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy, where he remained for 28 years until his retirement as a senior chief, June of 1988.

During his stint in the U.S. Navy his specialty titles were Operations Specialist and Instructor. Lucas duties consisted of communicating with the Pentagon and other officials in Washington, D.C., sending and receiving transmittals to inform his Captain of how the vessel was to maneuver. His ships and tour of duty dates are USS Canberra, Norfolk, VA 1/1/1961-9/25/1963; USS Sierra Norfolk, VA 10/6/1963-10/14/1963; USS Dahlgren, Norfolk, VA 10/14/1963-10/4/1964; USS Ramsey, Long Beach, CA 10/10/1965-7/16/1968; USS Caliente, Long Beach, CA 11/15/1971-11/11/1973; USS Sacramento, Bremerton, WA 1/17/1974-2/29/1976; USS Mars, Oakland, CA 4/3/1978-5/29/1981; USNS Spica, Subic Bay, PI 8/6/1984-10/28/1986 and USS Lang, San Francisco, CA 12/18/1986-12/31/1988. He received the following prestigious commendations: Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Award with Silver Star, Navy Expeditionary Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, National Defense Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with 1 Silver & 2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation with Palm, Vietnam Service, Expert Pistol Shot (45.Cal), Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Senior Enlisted Advisor.

On January 12, 1979 Lucas married Ann together they blended their families; Lucas had two sons Michael Lucas and Mark Lucas. Ann had two daughters Vanessa Miller and Shaney Miller. Lucas loved Ann dearly and would do anything for the love of his life. Lucas considered Ann as his Nubian Queen. They were blessed to be together for 35 magnificent years.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Lucas who was a faithful provider for his family worked three jobs simultaneously. Lucas was the owner and CFO of Vee's Home of Tender Loving Care a group home that he and Ann operated from 1988 to 2001. He was employed with Bay Area Rapid Transit "BART" as a storekeeper for 25 years during the years of 1989 – 2014. He also worked for the Oakland Coliseum now the Oracle as an Usher and later he became a Supervisor for the period of 1999 to 2014.

In 1999, under the leadership of Pastor Kevin B. Hall, Lucas accepted Christ and became a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, CA where he and Ann served with honor and grace. Lucas sang with the R.L. Johnson Male Chorus whenever he was not working.

Lucas also worked tirelessly in the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star. He held many stations in Sons of Love #35, including Right Worshipful Master and Treasurer; they later merged with Amos Lodge #14. He was a member of Star of Love #22, O.E.S. Lucas served in numerous capacities in Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge; one of his most honored positions was as the Past Grand Worthy Patron of Golden Poppy Grand Chapter O.E.S., in August 2014 Lucas achieved the highest degree of a Mason his 33°. He was also a member of St. Andrew Consistory #2, a member of Golden Gate Knights Templar #2, Royal Lodge of Perfection #2, Growing Star Royal Arch Chapter, #8 and Mecca Shrine Temple #20.

Seldom do we run across a man of better temperament or a more gentlemanly, considerate and dedicated one than our own Ralston M. Lucas, Jr. Ever the optimist, his service to our country, his family, the church and the community for the past 72 years, has earned him the respect and admiration of a leader at every level throughout this great movement.

Lucas leaves to celebrate his life, his wife of 35 years, Ann Lucas; his children Michael Lucas, Mark Lucas, Shaney Fredzess, DeShante Lucas, Brittnee (Rex) Smith, Peter Lucas, Kairee Fredzess, Ariel Fredzess, and Ajah Fredzess and his Mother-In-Law, Alberta Story. Siblings: Shirley (Dan) Davis and Richard Lucas. In-Laws: James (Joann) Cooper, Jimmie Moore, Juanita (Jonathan) Dumas, Beverly Williams, Kruger (Joyce) Story, Bennie Story, Jr. and April (Tony) Scott. God-children: Sheena Aubrey and Malik Stinson; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Lucas was preceded in death by his parents, Ralston and Margaret Lucas; brother Bert Lucas and daughter Vanessa Franklin.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	Brother Steven Green
Processional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Scriptures.....	Old Testament ..... Minister Ericka Hall
	New Testament ..... Minister Otis Harris
Prayer.....	Minister Peggy Morris
Solo .....	<del>Sister Alfreda Mitchell</del> <i>Her Son</i>
Acknowledgements.....	Sister Delores Murray-Hill
Resolution.....	Sister Judy Matthews
Golden Poppy Grand Chapter Resolution.....	Sister Marvelia Major
Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge Resolution .....	Brother Norman Ward
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Solo .....	Minister Cynthia Harris
Words of Love .....	Sister Ajah Fredzess (grandchild)
<u>Words of Remembrance</u>	(2 minutes Please)
Deacon James Cooper – Family	
Sister Lakresa Mecole "Cole" Brown, Esq. - Family	
Sister Zodia M. Jordan – Church/Star of Love #22, O.E.S.	
Brother Brian Watkins – Area Manager Staff Pro (Oakland A's)	
Brother Jesse Alicante – Bart/U.S. Navy	
<i>Ariel + DeShante</i>	

## Special Commemorations

Sister Nadine Gills-Ward, Golden Poppy Grand Chapter, O.E.S.
Brother Ron Adams, Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge
Solo....."I Won't Complain"..... Minister Dion Williams
Words of Victory..... <i>Psalms 121:1 I will lift my eyes</i> <del>Be</del> Kevin B. Hall, Pastor
Parting View

Recessional.....Wilson & Kratzer Funeral Services

## INTERMENT

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive

**Richmond CA. 94804**

## MILITARY HONOR SALUTE

Repast - R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

## PALLBEARERS

Bishop Aaron E. Ward, Sr.  
Deacon Robert Carter  
Deacon Bobby Johnson  
Brother Norman Ward  
Brother Herman Matthews  
Brother Kenny Younger

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brother Richard Lucas  
Brother Michael Lucas  
Brother Mark Lucas  
Brother Peter Lucas  
Brother Kairee Fredzess, Sr.  
Brother Levon Cooper  
Brother Pernell Cooper  
Brother DiSaun Cooper  
Brother Kruger Story, Jr.  
Brother Larry Miller  
Brother Benny Story III  
Brother Tony Scott

Deacon James Cooper  
Brother Jimmie Moore  
Brother Kruger Story, Sr.  
Brother Bennie Story, Jr.  
Brother Jonathan Dumas  
Brother Clarence Cooper  
Brother Maurice Lucas  
Brother James Cooper, Jr.  
Brother Rex Smith  
Brother Pierre Brown  
Brother Derrick Moore  
Brother Malik Stinson

## **Acknowledgment**

The Lucas Family is truly blessed to have such a loving circle of family and friends, especially during the loss of someone so dear to us. Mere words can never be enough to express our gratitude. Thank you for your prayers, dishes, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness and encouragement. Please continue to pray for us.

## **Special Acknowledgments**

To the Oncology Department and Staff at Summit Medical Center

We especially want to thank the staff at Oakland Healthcare & Wellness Center for the exceptional care provided to our loved one and his family.

Special thank you to the staff at Vale Healthcare Center for the excellent care they provided to our loved one and his family.

May God bless and keep each of you.

-The Lucas Family -



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